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"Helping each other prepare for a bigger world"

Respect

Kindness

Resilience

Parental support: www.familylives.org.uk or glosfamiliesdirectory.org Head Teacher's email address: head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk
 PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipschoolpta/>
 Parent Matters www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089 School Emergency Phone No: 07775 203 435
 Birdlip online Virtual School Uniform Shop: http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/advanced_search.php?skl_id=38923&pager=view_all
 School closure website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>
 Ofsted Parent View <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Confidential contact for Governing Body: chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk
 Health Protection Agency Guidance http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374
 Safeguarding http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our_school/policies/policies.html Birdlip Wish list <http://amzn.eu/9pZsmG2>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu choices for next week should be taken from the **week 3** selection.

Events in the Week Ahead

Forthcoming Events

Fri 2nd July, PE Kit order deadline

Not quite a normal week, but a successful one in so many ways. Crisis often brings out the best in people and for the staff and children (and parents!) to learn a new online learning platform in 24 hours was a magnificent achievement. The participation of the children was fantastic and the staff's adaptability and online presence was very impressive. It was certainly the first time I have tried interactive worksheets with Key Stage 1. A special thank you to Mrs Jowett-Moore for stepping in at the 11th hour to cover Mrs Harding.

It was lovely to have a whole school assembly today with half the school online and it was lovely to see everyone together and enjoy Mr Pugh's story telling expertise! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday.

The news last week was unwelcome that we are not able to reopen fully on Monday but served as a stern reminder to take this virus seriously. Many schools were also forced to close bubbles last week so we need to be realistic and plan carefully. We are currently making arrangements for sports day, leavers' service and a special event for the Year 6 leavers.

The library looks fantastic and we have been waiting in anticipation to open fully with the librarians primed to start their jobs - just need EYFS and Key Stage 1 back!



We conducted a history "pupil voice" survey last week - mainly using the interactive Google Forms. This gave us a superb insight into how the children perceive history, including their favourite topics, their understanding of primary and secondary sources, what they wanted to learn and how "good" they are at the subject. The results indicated how we could improve, what they enjoyed and what they wanted to know. There is a great deal of information on how we teach history on our school website.

Andy Milner

Local Author - Andrew Hussey

Local Author, Andrew Hussey will be attending the full school outdoor assembly on Friday 25th June 2021 and will be sharing his experiences of writing children's stories. Andrew has recently released his children's book 'There's No Deer Around Here,' which is available to purchase through:

www.muddylittleboots.com We also have some copies available to purchase in the office which Andrew is offering at a discounted price of £6 each. If you wish to take up this offer, please bring £6 to the office in a named & sealed envelope.

Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines

Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school. These indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. These are in place to protect the lives of our pupils and their families throughout the day.

Experienced Cleaner Required

Our lovely cleaner Sophie will sadly be leaving us shortly after 3 years of keeping the school spotlessly clean each day. Thank you for all of your hard work Sophie and good luck in your new venture. Mitie (our cleaning contractors) are therefore looking for an experienced cleaner at Birdlip Primary School. Hours are Monday to Friday 16:00 to 18:12 (11 hrs per week), with pay up to £9.50 per hour depending on experience. Please contact Mark on 07850 922 258 for more details.

Amazon Wish List – Library Books

If you would like to donate any books to the school library, a full list of what we need is available here: <http://amzn.eu/cVgR1hs>

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

Robins Birdlip Champion – All of Robins (inc. staff)

Respect – Reuben
Resilience – Charlotte
Kindness – Martha

Kingfishers Birdlip Champion – All of Kingfishers (inc. staff)

Respect – Cara
Resilience – Pablo
Kindness – Bella's Daddy

Golden Eagles Birdlip Champion – Thomas

Respect – Preston
Resilience – Oscar
Kindness – Aria

Ospreys Birdlip Champion – Tilly G

Respect – Lachlan
Resilience – Liam
Kindness – Seb

PE Kit Orders

Order forms are available on the school website (please [click here](#)) and should be returned to the school office by email or hard copy. Please make payment in full via your ParentPay account at time of ordering. **The deadline for orders this term is Friday 2nd July 2021.**

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils (separated into the same bubbles as school) from 7.45am. Prices are based on arrival time and include breakfast:

- arrival between 7.45am-8am = £5.00 per session;
- arrival after 8am = £4.00 per session

To register and book spaces, please contact the playgroup leaders on: bbplaygroup@btinternet.com or 07914 091 427.

Atlas Camps After School Club

Atlas Camps provide after school care between 3.15pm to 5.45pm. Please book your place online at:

<https://atascamps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php>

Birdlip Playgroup

Birdlip Playgroup remains open and runs on a Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 08:45am - 12:45pm (Term time only). You can register your child by contacting the play leaders at bbplaygroup@btinternet.com or 07914 091427.

Links for Mental Health Support and Online Safety

Online Safety:

https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_wellbeing/family_support.html

Mental Health support available in Gloucestershire:

https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_wellbeing/mental_health.html

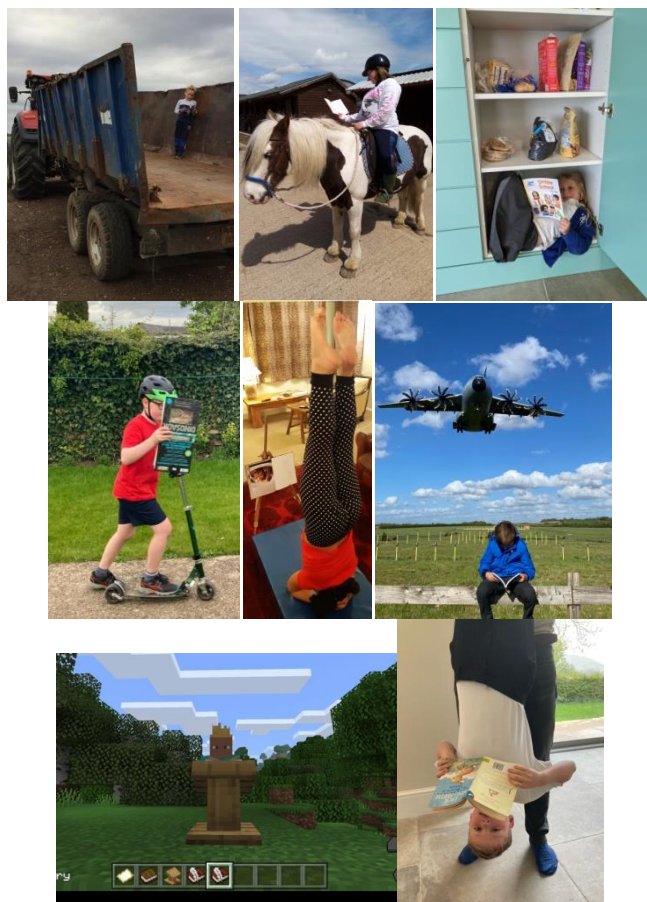
Nature Activity Weekend for Families Stratford Park

The Museum in the Park will be holding a Nature Activity Weekend called 'Space to Breathe' at Stratford Park on **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2021**. Families can book a morning or afternoon time slot and will have the opportunity to help build a new wildlife pond, learn about bees and pollinator-friendly planting, identify trees and much more. Cost is £5 per family group or free for those on Universal Credit. Advance booking is necessary via:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-museum-in-the-park

Reading Competition entries

Here are some more of the reading competition entries! Please continue to send them in to the office at: admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk



Government Guidance for parents and carers: COVID-19

The Government have published a collection of guidance providing [information for parents and carers of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The collection brings together information and guidance for parents on:

- essential information for the spring term
- COVID-19 testing
- clubs and out-of-school settings
- home schooling and remote education
- support of children and young people

COVID-19 – What symptoms to look out for and what to do next

If anyone in your household displays COVID19 symptoms your child should not attend school and you should follow the self-isolation guidance provided by the government along with arranging a COVID-19 test. **You should also inform the school office as soon as possible.**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- 1) Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible; and
- 2) Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your result – only leave home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

You can choose to take the test:

- At a test site near you today and get your result tomorrow; or
- With a home test kit – you can order a home test kit via the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>